

## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

### IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application or previous response to office action:

1. (Original) An information handling system, comprising:  
memory;  
at least one processor operably associated with the memory;  
a printed circuit board operable to maintain the processor and the memory;  
a plurality of vias disposed in at least one printed circuit board layer, the vias defined by a first opening on a first surface of the printed circuit board layer, a second opening at a second surface of the printed circuit board layer and at least one side wall connecting the first and second openings and defining a void therebetween; and  
a conductive material disposed on a portion of the side wall, the conductive material defining at least one inner-via trace.
2. (Original) The information handling system of Claim 1, further comprising the inner-via trace having a total impedance substantially approximating a printed circuit board surface mounted trace impedance.
3. (Original) The information handling system of Claim 1, further comprising:  
the conductive material disposed in the void defining a plurality of inner-via traces,  
and  
the plurality of inner-via traces arranged in a striped pattern, where the patterned stripes travel between the first opening and second opening.
4. (Original) The information handling system of Claim 1, further comprising a conductive pad disposed on the first surface of the printed circuit board layer and proximate the first opening and coupled to the inner-via traces.

5. (Original) The information handling system of Claim 4, further comprising a conductive pad disposed on the second surface of the printed circuit board layer and proximate the second opening and coupled to the inner-via traces.

6. (Original) The information handling system of Claim 1, further comprising a conductive trace disposed on the first surface of the printed circuit board layer and coupled to the inner-via traces.

7. (Original) The information handling system of Claim 6, further comprising a conductive trace disposed on the second surface of the printed circuit board layer and coupled to the inner-via traces.

8. (Original) The information handling system of Claim 1, further comprising:  
a printed circuit board having a plurality of layers; and  
at least one via disposed through a first layer and terminating proximate a first surface of a second layer.

9-14. (Withdrawn)

15. (Original) An apparatus, comprising:  
at least one substrate having a first surface and a second surface;  
a first conductive trace disposed proximate the first surface of the substrate;  
a second conductive trace disposed proximate the second surface of the substrate;  
at least one via disposed in the substrate, the via defining an aperture in the substrate traveling from the first surface to the second surface; and  
at least one conductive inner-via trace operably coupled to the via, the inner-via trace operably coupling the first conductive trace to the second conductive trace and having at least one electrical characteristic substantially approximating a corresponding electrical characteristic of a substrate surface conductive trace.

16. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 15, further comprising the inner-via trace having an impedance measure substantially approximating an impedance measure of the first and second conductive surface traces.

17. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 15, further comprising:  
the substrate having a plurality of layers; and  
the first conductive trace disposed between a first pair of substrate layers and the second conductive trace disposed between a second pair of substrate layers.

18. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 15, further comprising:  
the substrate having a first plurality of layers; and  
the first conductive trace disposed on an external surface of the plurality of substrates and the second conductive trace disposed between adjacent layers of the plurality of substrates.

19. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 15, further comprising:  
a plurality of conductive inner-via traces; and  
the plurality of conductive inner-via traces collectively having at least one electrical characteristic substantially approximating a corresponding electrical characteristic of a substrate surface conductive trace.

20. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 19, further comprising an impedance total for the plurality of inner-via traces substantially approximating that of the first surface conductive trace and the second surface conductive trace.